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50 DIE IN AIR CRASH

Bogota, Feb. 16. A four-motored airplane of the Colombian Avianca Lines yesterday smashed into a cloud-shrouded 9,000-foot peak in the Andes Mountains, and the mayor of a mountain village said all the 50 persons aboard were killed.

It was the worst commercial airline disaster in history.

The DC-4 was carrying 46 passengers and a crew of four on a flight from the coastal town of Barranquilla to mountain-ringed Bogota airport when it plowed into Mount Tablazo, about 30 miles north west of here.

The passengers included 20 Colombians and 17 persons from other countries, including an unspecified number of Americans.

The plane was in radio contact with the Techio airport only a few minutes before it hit the peak with an explosion that was heard for miles. The mayor of the little town of Supata, at the base of Mount Tablazo, telephoned officials of Avianca — a subsidiary of Pan-American World Airways — that the wreckage had been found and that all the 50 persons were dead. There were no other details.

The Company had already sent out search parties accompanied by ambulances with doctors and large supplies of medicine to Supata which provides the easiest route of access to the rocky slopes of Mount Tablazo.

No Survivors

An Avianca spokesman admitted, however, there was little hope that any one would survive since an emergency landing was impossible in the wild terrain of the northern Andes.

The pilot and co-pilot of the plane — both veteran fliers — were Americans.

The death toll of 50 exceeded the previous highest total killed in a single plane crash. Thirty-nine persons were killed last October when a four-motored plane of the American Overseas Airlines crashed in Newfoundland on a trans-Atlantic flight.

The flight south from Barranquilla to Bogota is approximately 300 miles. The route is along the junctures of the Magdalena River until it reaches the foothills of the Andes where the terrain rises sharply. Bogota itself is on a plateau at an altitude of 8,800 feet.

Overcast

Farmers along the route who saw the plane in flight said it was too low to clear the Sierra Sabana Range. It was heavily overcast — a factor which made it impossible for search planes to spot the wreckage from the air.

An Avianca spokesman said a radio message was received from the plane shortly after noon (local time) on Saturday when the plane was approaching a high range north of Bogota. The radio operator messaged down that the plane would land at the Techio Airport half an hour later.

The Colombian Government immediately ordered an investigation committee to examine the wreckage. — United Press.

Colonel Charged As Deserter

Calcutta, Feb. 15.

Every facility possible was placed at the disposal of Lieutenant Colonel W. J. Cumming in preparing his defense against a charge of desertion. Major G. C. de Preat Gaillard, Deputy General of Bengal Area court martial today.

Headquarters told a Cumming is charged with having deserted after he was ordered to Imphal during the great Burma campaign in 1944. He is alleged to have vanished from Chittagong early in 1944.

Replying to Cumming's allegation that a "psychiatric" report on him was shown to him, Gaillard said that only two paragraphs of the report were shown to the defendant under superior orders as permitted by the Army rules.

"All facilities were placed at the accused's disposal for his defense," Gaillard said in answer to another question. Circulars were sent around to all Army head-

CHINA'S NEW OFFICIAL RATE OF EXCHANGE ANNOUNCED

Sweeping Economic And Banking Controls; Gold, Foreign Currency Transactions Forbidden

IMPORT SURCHARGE ABOLISHED

Nanking, Feb. 16.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek today announced sweeping economic and banking controls on which, he said, depended the survival of the Chinese nation. Following an emergency meeting of the Supreme National Defence Council, the Generalissimo disclosed a new official rate of exchange of CNS12,000 to US\$1 and that transactions in gold and foreign currencies are prohibited.

China's President slapped "rough and ready" income tax measures, and demanded that Chinese nationals sell their foreign assets to the Government at the official rate. He promised the drastic punishment of violators.

The Generalissimo listed the following 10 comprehensive measures to combat the country's economic crisis:

(1) Government's foreign exchange is to be conserved to purchase raw materials and machinery to keep factories running and the people's basic necessities supplied. The new official rate will not be subject to constant fluctuation.

(2) The purchase and sale of gold and foreign currency transactions are prohibited to stop speculation.

(3) Government will relieve the pressure on agricultural and industrial production through loans.

(4) Government expenses are to be held to an absolute minimum and the country's administration is to be streamlined.

(5) Collection of revenues is to be conducted with the utmost vigour.

(6) Public services will have to pay their own way.

(7) The question of labour and Government officials wages is to be reviewed.

(8) All Government owned industries are to be speedily disposed of.

Speculators

(9) Speculators, hoarders and profiteers will be severely punished.

(10) The Ministry of Finance will inspect private bank accounts and punish speculation.

Generalissimo Chiang said there was no reason to give way to panic since the basic factors of the agricultural and industrial situation are sound; he blamed the current crisis on the eight years of war and one year of destructive peace.

He bitterly denounced the Communists for economic warfare and said the Government, though continuing to seek a political solution, would confine its military efforts to the protection and restoration of the communication systems necessary to the nation's economic life.

He promised he would try to step up exports.

BRIGHTER BOMBS

Glasgow, Feb. 15.

Sir John Boyd Orr, Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization, speaking to the Scottish-USSR Society here today said: "If we took ten per cent of what the world is spending, to make bigger and brighter bombs in preparation for the next war, it would be enough to develop the scheme we all want."

Sir John admitted that he was puzzled as to why the USSR had not come into the scheme set up by the FAO and said: "All that we are putting forward is exactly in accordance with the ideals of the USSR." — Reuter.

Price Control

The Government announced it proposes to control prices strictly by a system of consultation in certain designated areas between Government agencies and private businessmen.

Additionally, all wartime price control regulations are immediately revived, including the outlawing of strikes or factory closures. Speculation, market manipulation and hoarding are prohibited.

A rationing system of daily necessities — rice, flour, cloth, fuel, salt, sugar and oil — will be instituted for public servants and cultural workers, and will be implemented first in Nanking and Shanghai.

The purchase or sale of foreign currencies is banned and foreign individuals cannot be paid in them.

All Chinese citizens and corporations who have foreign exchange deposited in foreign countries must report this information to the Government and these foreign exchange holdings will then be purchased by Government at the official rate of exchange. — United Press.

"As late as Jan. 6, he was asked if he wanted a defending officer but the accused declined."

The court, shortly before its adjournment for the day, ruled that the onus of proof that Cumming was "present" at the time he is alleged to have deserted rested with the defendant, not on the prosecution.

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FIRE IN THE HOLD

London, Feb. 16.
Fire equipment was rushed to Southampton docks today to meet the Danish cargo and passenger ship India which was coming in with fire in one hold.

The fire, in a grain hold, was believed caused by spontaneous combustion. The ship had about 20,000 cases of pearls which were undamaged. — United Press.

WOLVES FREEZE IN ALASKA

London, Feb. 15.

A cyclone in New Zealand, cold so intense in Alaska that even wolves froze, and an alarming spurt in pneumonia deaths in Germany were the highlights of the world weather reports reaching Reuter.

Here is a survey of the winter world picture:

Germany

A Hamburg mother found her two children frozen to death in bed. The city's pneumonia deaths jumped from 78 in December to 224 in January and the authorities issued a special warning about the dangers. The British and United States zones had three to five days coal left and hundreds of railway engines were out of action owing to the frost, which experts forecast would continue.

Canada

Temperatures were down to 81 degrees of frost and killed thousands of rabbits, foxes and wolves, a cable from

Switzerland: The Lake of Zurich is frozen for the first time in 18 years. Federal railways will tomorrow heat local roads for only six hours a day. — Reuter.

South Africa

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United Kingdom

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Markou is mild-mannered, extremely courteous and obviously an educated man."

Mr. Thomas explained that he had arranged with the British Military Mission at Trikala that he would be back on Tuesday. Later he sent a note saying he would return on Thursday instead.

"The message was delivered on Sunday, but my messenger was arrested by the gendarmes immediately afterwards, though he was later released," Mr. Thomas said.

He promised he would try to step up exports.

Labour M.P. Meets Guerilla Head

Athens, Feb. 15.

The story of his wanderings in Greece was re-

lated yesterday by Mr. T. G. Thomas, British Member of Parliament, who was earlier re-

ported missing during a visit to guerilla-held territory and who returned here yesterday.

His visit to the Greek moun-

tain bands was "purely acci-

dental," he said. He had intended

to visit villages north of

Trikala, in central Greece, to

find out what the attitude of

the people was like.

Inside guerilla territory, he

added, he found no oppression

or intimidation. "I moved free-

ly about the villages without

being accompanied by guerillas,

and the villagers spoke freely

to me," he said.

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Shark Bait

Victoria, Feb. 16.

An artificial leg was

used here to trap a 15-

foot white shark.

The shark had been swimming

up and down outside the women's

swimming baths. It was caught

when

Chiang Blames The PLAN TO RESTORE GERMANY'S SHATTERED ECONOMY United States

(By Harold Mills)

Nanking, Feb. 16.

Sources closest to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek said he was fully convinced that force was the only means of settling the Chinese Communist problem and that he blamed United States suspension of arms sales and credits to his Government for enabling the Communists to continue fighting the Government.

The Generalissimo's reason: further mediation attempts after the fruitless year's effort, Chiang's Government disclosed plans to reorganise but without including the Communists.

At the same time the Government is continuing a military policy of driving the Communist forces from the lines of communication which must reorganise before the Chinese economic machinery can function.

One source said Chiang was bitter because this argument had failed to move President Harry S. Truman and General George C. Marshall who insisted that the civil war be halted and the Government reorganized before they would extend further support.

Reds Blamed

Following the American decision in January to cease

Reduced To The Ranks

London, Feb. 16.

Sentences were announced yesterday on nine corporals tried by court-martial at Lichfield early in January on a charge of mutiny. The charge arose out of troops walking off the Empress of Scotland at Liverpool on Dec. 10 as a protest against conditions on board.

Cpl. R. Dean, of the Buffs, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude and reduced to the ranks. Cpl. C. P. Marchant, West Yorkshire Regt., received a sentence of six months' detention and reduction to the ranks.

The following corporals were ordered to be reduced to the ranks: L. T. Anslow, Royal Signals; T. E. Blair, Royal Engineers; A. A. Buckingham, R.A.S.C.; J. Coventry, Durham Light Infantry; F. Pearson, Royal Scots; H. W. Stokes, Northamptonshire Regt., and G. Watt, Cameronians.

Kempeitai To Die

Paris, Feb. 15.

Thirteen members of the Kempeitai (Japanese Gestapo) were sentenced to death, (four of them in their absence) when the trial of 49 members ended in Saigon today.

Twenty-seven others were sentenced to forced labour, prison and solitary confinement, and there were nine acquittals.

The Japanese were variously charged with ill-treatment, torture and assassination of French members of the resistance movement in Indo-China.

The finishing touches were also put on the dossier of charges with which Japanese Army Captain Furukawa will be faced before a military tribunal at Saigon on Monday. The charges include outright decapitation of forty French prisoners and slower killing by torture of the other French soldiers.—Reuter.

URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

The principal item on the agenda of the Urban Council, which is meeting on Tuesday, is the appointment of a Select Committee to exercise the powers and functions of the Council under Section 5 of the Advertisements Regulation Ordinance, No. 19 of 1912, as amended by Ordinance No. 16 of 1940, and under the by-laws of the said Ordinance.

A plan under which Germany would gradually, with help from Allied countries, restore her shattered economy, is outlined in a document published by the International Committee for Study of European questions.

Stating that there are outside of Germany between four million and five million German war-prisoners, the Committee suggests their employment as free workers on an equal footing with the workers of the countries in which they will be employed.

The aim would be to draw up a scheme which would permit payment to be received as reparations, to enable Germany to obtain foreign assets which would allow her to buy abroad foodstuffs and raw materials she needs, and respect the rights of German workers.

The Committee suggests that a percentage of the wages paid to each German under the scheme should be handed over to the Government of the country where he works. Half of this deduction would go to reparations and the other half to Germany for purchasing in that country goods that Germany requires, but the German Government would place in Germany to the credit of the workers a sum equivalent to that deducted by the employing country.

Huge Sum

The Committee states that with, say, a million and a half labourers working abroad, in three years the German Government would have at its disposal £300,000,000.

This sum is £50,000,000 more than the £250,000,000 that Britain and the United States contemplate paying in the next three years to restore the economy of Western Germany.

The Committee adds: "Only such a system would make it really possible to ensure the de-Nazification of Germany, whereas to concentrate once more on German soil a number of men too great for Germany's resources would inevitably create unemployment and misery and this population would soon become a prey to nationalistic elements."

Germany, says the Committee, can help the reconstruction of Europe by her manpower, by exporting raw materials, chiefly coal, and by exporting manufactured goods.

Basic Factor

In the avoidance of war, the Committee suggests:

1. That Germany should be forbidden for a long period to own or develop means of transport other than ground transport.

2. Not to be allowed to make use of any sources of motive power other than those she used before 1939.

3. That an Allied Scientific Control Commission should be set up.

London, Feb. 15.

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The detective was one Man Ho, who called on a Chinese doctor at 108 Reclamation Street around 6 p.m. Also around was one Man Lum, folk and no relation to Man Ho. The consultation was going along nicely when suddenly three men entered, two of them armed with revolvers. Perhaps they had grown careless as a result of earlier successes. Anyway, they certainly failed to take into consideration the man (or man—or man, come to that) they were dealing with.

Man Ho whipped out his gun and stuck it in one man's ribs. Man Lum grabbed the other. The third man, unarmed, had to accept arrest as well and that most meekly.

Incidentally, there was another man around, name unknown and therefore simply referred to as the Fourth Man. He was with the robbers and keeping cover in the street outside. He got away.

Mr. Ah Tay Cheong, who came to the court with his wife and three of his four children, agreed that he had been heavily fined last year for using the premises for opium smoking, for smoking opium himself, and allowing others to smoke it.

Members of the tribunal said that the flat, which was in a bad condition due to bombing and continual lack of repair, was part of a house used largely by Chinese, with a Chinese club on the ground floor.

The landlord, Mr. Emmanuel Honig, denied that he had been convicted on any charges concerning this house.

The tribunal approved the rent of 12s. a week for two top-floor rooms, plus 8s. for electric light, and reduced the period of tenure from three to two months.

The Chairman (Mr. Michael Marcus) said: "I can think of nothing more likely to bring about a spiritual amputation of these children, which would probably cripple them for the rest of their lives, than contact with opium smoking in the way described. It is not a matter which we can overlook as a tribunal.

"It may be that in this age of the uncommon man, Mr. Cheong is one of these uncommon men who resort to practices of the Orient in the Western world.

"But when he does so, he must pay the penalty for it, as he has done in the police court. He is bound, if he comes before us, to be treated accordingly if we think we should do so."

The magistrates dismissed the charge.

Mrs. Sheffield, an ex-nurse, prescribed treatment for them.

Months later, Mrs. Sheffield met the woman while she was shopping in Birmingham. The woman noticed Mrs. Sheffield was shivering and offered her an extra coat to wear to the bus stop.

"As I was walking towards the door the commissioner stopped me and said the coat was not paid for."

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A limerick guy called Marlowe wrote he,

Held a torch for some blonde dame;

So, as a sorta' rhymin' fella,

Who's goofy over thatch that's yellow,

And boobs and flowers, I thought I'd tell a

Doll I know the same,

O neck with me and be my honey,

I've got the dough—hee, I mean money—

Well, well, well, will be my girl,

You're sold, babe, from church to Reno—

I'm sure for you, I've always been, so

Will you be my Valentine?

Sugar, how'm I doin'?"

Witness For Papen

London, Feb. 15.

Eugen Gunther von Tschirsky, right-hand man to Hitler's chief diplomat, von Papen, leaves Britain tomorrow to give evidence on behalf of von Papen, who is appearing before a de-Nazification tribunal at Nuremberg.

Von Tschirsky has been endeavouring to get to Nuremberg since Jan. 23, when his presence was requested by von Papen.

In an interview today he said that he had received the necessary authorisation to travel after the Office of the United States Chief Counsel in Nuremberg had requested the Control Commission for Germany in London to provide him with a permit.

Von Tschirsky, who has appealed for British citizenship, is at present attached to the London office of the Albatross publishing firm.—Reuter.

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February Sessions

Thirty-three prisoners in 20 criminal cases, including two adjourned from the last Sessions, will appear before Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, at the Supreme Court to enter their pleas on Tuesday morning at the February Sessions.

Of the 39 prisoners, six are charged with murder in four separate cases, two with manslaughter, three with collaboration; one with shooting with intent to murder, six with demanding money with menaces in three different cases, 12 with robbery in five cases, one with causing explosion likely to endanger life, and two with making a false death certificate or accessory before the fact.

Although robbery charges show a considerable decrease compared with any previous Sessions, the number of murder charges to come up in the current Sessions is the biggest since liberation.

The case in which Robert Stanley Frederick Franks, is charged with the manslaughter of Inspector Anderson is also scheduled for trial.

Following is the detailed list of cases in the February Sessions:

List

Mohammed Sadiq on five counts of collaboration; Wan Ying-kuen, Chen Wang and Wan Shufung on murder; Kwok Hong and Li Kai on two counts of demanding money with menaces; Sin Man-keun, Liu Chi and Lam Chun on robbery by two or more; Yu Kau and Chun Hoi-shan on making a false death certificate and accessory before the fact of the same offence; Robert Stanley Frederick Franks on manslaughter; Chow Chung-ki on demanding money with menaces; Tse Chiu-lun on robbery by two or more; Ng Chi-wo on manslaughter; Chau Leung-fun on murder; Mohammed Asgar on 25 counts of collaboration; Fan Wah-yung on assaulting with intent to rob; Tse Wah on unauthorised robbery; Kam Tak on causing an explosion to endanger life; keeping explosive with intent and causing a public nuisance; Chan Pui, Fan Yuen and So Yee on two counts of demanding money with menaces; two counts of possession of arms and one count of misprision of arms; the felony of uttering a letter defaming money with menaces; Tsang Fo-yan, alias Tsang Shat-tau on shooting with intent to murder and assaulting with intent to rob; Chan Sun, Tse Lai, Leung Choi, Leung Shui-chin, Lam Yi-lai and Tang Chong-ming on two counts of armed robbery and one count of possession of arms; Tse Ching on murder; Li Sang-on (undertrial adjourned from last Sessions); Mohammed Yusoff-Shah on 23 counts of collaboration (adjourned from last Sessions).

Salvation Army Appeals For Funds

A broadcast was given over Z.B.W. last night by Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead C.B.E., Hong Kong correspondent of the London Times, on the Salvation Army appeal for funds to support its work in the Colony.

Mr. Woodhead said:

"I feel it a great honour to have been asked to launch the Salvation Army's Rehabilitation Appeal over the air by my friend Brigadier Waller. I have responded the more willingly, because of my conviction of the worthiness of the cause."

"Time was, within the memory of some of us, when the Salvation Army was regarded with what one might almost describe as contemptuous amusement. But that was a long time ago. Its justification for appealing for large financial contributions and its wisdom in expending them were endorsed by a representative Committee of lawyers, politicians, chartered accountants, etc. in 1890. Nine years later, at a meeting held at the Mansion House to promote its objects and maintain its funds, one of the most eloquent tributes to its work came from the late Mr. Cecil Rhodes who was about the last person to be taken in by any form of professional philanthropy. From its small beginnings in the East End of London the Salvation Army has spread all over the world, until in 1943 its permanent staff numbered over 40,000 and it had upwards of 300,000 unpaid voluntary workers. It has become an essential organisation wherever rehabilitation and relief are urgent problems. Let me give you the considered opinion of a well-known British historian, the late Justin McCarthy,

"There are other religious and missionary bodies which have even surpassed General Booth in the extent of their work throughout the world (this was written in 1911) but no lay movement set foot for the spiritual rescue as well as the promotion of morality, good order, industry and physical comfort amongst the poorest classes has ever, so far as we know, equalled the amount of work done by the Salvation Army."

"Two outstanding features of the Army's work are its efficiency and its economy. Its personnel are consecrated to their vocation of dealing with spiritual and physical suffering, and live on what is barely a subsistence allowance. No organisation in Hong Kong is better acquainted with the local problems of sin and poverty."

Urgent Need

"Hong Kong is in the throes of rehabilitation, and one of the really important factors in that

Demobbed, Live In An Institution

London, Feb. 16.

Three demobilised regular soldiers, evicted from married quarters at Fulford Barracks, have installed themselves, their wives, and 15 children at York Public Assistance Institution.

The men, who have 44 years service between them, searched fruitlessly for rooms, but found themselves unwanted because of the children.

They have now sent a telegram to the King and Queen asking for help.

Mrs. S. Dolman, wife of one of the men—an ex-sergeant in the Royal Engineers who was discharged as medically unfit—said last night that after being evicted she and her seven children slept for two nights in her husband's garage.

The Only Course

"They told us the quarters were wanted for married serving soldiers," she said, "and the families of demobilised men must go soon."

Cpl. A. Forsyth, who had 23 years' service in the R.A.M.C., also found the institution the only course left open for his wife and their four children.

All the men are now working on civilian jobs in York, and two of the women are shortly expecting babies.

The institution waived regulations to house them.

FOOTNOTE: It is believed that some other 25 families in the married quarters are under notice to quit.

VISA REFUSED

Washington, Feb. 15. Mr. John Grierson, former head of the Canadian National Film Board, has been refused a quota visa for residence in the United States, officials of the State Department said today.

They said that the visa was refused on the grounds that Grierson was ineligible under immigration laws but they declined to say which section of these laws.

Grierson's application, they said, was made in Montreal last September. Since then he has been granted a temporary visa valid for 29 days, to visit the United States.—Reuters.

"A few weeks ago I spent a memorable evening visiting the Shelters which the Salvation Army is operating on behalf of the Hong Kong Government, where homeless and destitute can always find a night's shelter and a substantial meal. Fifteen Salvation Army Officers have, since V.J. been helping the authorities in the handling of camps, rice kitchens, repatriation, assistance

to soldiers dependents, etc. If the Army's own chosen work is to go on it must receive generous local support. Our stricken and impoverished homeland cannot be expected to finance activities in a prosperous Colony, so far overseas. So will you help, and by helping the Salvation Army help the community to which you belong?"

Mrs. Wiford died on the way to hospital. She suffered from deafness, and a notice in her writing, "Please knock and ring loudly," still hangs on the front door.

The NFS confined the fire to the room in which it started.

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Simon's Legal Sensation

London, Feb. 16.

Lord Simon, writing in the "Sunday Times" created a sensation in political and judicial circles when he declared that no British Prime Minister would ever appoint a Catholic as Lord Chancellor.

It was a moot point whether Catholics were eligible, he said, but the Prime Minister would take the risk of making an appointment which could be challenged.

Lord Simon said that under a law of 1829, Catholics were prohibited from becoming Lord Chancellor by virtue of the declarations they were required to make.

"A Test Act, passed in 1672, required that, not only the Minister of the Crown, but every military, naval officer and every one who served the Crown in any capacity should, beside taking the oath of allegiance, make a declaration of his disbelief in transubstantiation," he said.

R.C.s Excluded

"This was designed to exclude Roman Catholics from any form of Royal Service."

(Transubstantiation) is the Catholic doctrine regarding the change of bread and wine, at the consecration of the Blessed Eucharist into the body and blood of Christ.)

Lord Simon said that in 1872 the then Attorney-General (Sir John Coleridge) expressed the opinion that the disqualification had been removed.

In 1891, however, an attempt by the Prime Minister (Mr. Gladstone) to pass a bill to this effect was defeated, said Lord Simon.

Afraid Of Burglars, Dies In Fire

London, Feb. 16.

Because of her fear of burglars, 80-year-old Mrs. Jessie Wiford, who for the past 30 years had lived alone in a flat at Bullingham mansions, Pitt-street, Kensington, always put the safety catch on the lock of her front door before going to bed.

At 1 a.m. that safety catch stood between her and rescuers who were trying to get into the flat which was ablaze.

The outbreak was first noticed by Mrs. Brand, occupant of another flat, whose bedroom was underneath that of Mrs. Wiford.

When she smelled burning

and smoke from the ceiling started to fall, Mrs. Brand and Lady (Grace) Stanton, another neighbour, tried to get into the flat.

When they found the door locked the porter was called, but he could not open the door with his pass key because of the safety catch.

Baddy Burned

"I called the fire brigade," the porter said today, "and two firemen broke down the door. They found Mrs. Wiford lying on the floor wearing her dressing-gown. She was near an electric fire, and appeared very badly burned."

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ORDER OR CHAOS?

Though the full implications of the Palestine evacuation order can only be revealed by events the order has the immediate merit of removing from the reach of the terrorists those persons on whom they might take reprisals for firm measures. At the same time it constitutes an admission that terror has made normal civil government impossible and by implication elevates the status of Irgun from that of a criminal conspiracy in a civil state to something nearer an armed revolt. This is a position which will in all probability appear desirable to Irgun and which they can plausibly represent to their adherents as a victory. As Mr. Churchill pointed out in the Commons debate, a "squallid warfare" with a band of desperadoes is the one thing that should be avoided. Whatever view is taken of Mr. Creagh Jones' defence against the charges of surrender to violence, the substance of the case made by Mr. Stanley, that they had given the appearance of such surrender, remained unanswered. That alone has been enough to colour Irgun's claim that it could by force extract concessions from the British that would be denied to peaceful advocacy of responsible Jewish leaders. The rest of the Palestine administration's failure to maintain normal civil order has been the absence of co-operation from the law-abiding members of the Jewish community itself. It is useless simply to abuse the Jews for this. The causes of this apathy, which dissolves the foundation of civil peace, are not far to seek.

In the first place, the extensive and irresponsible promises made to the Zionists by prominent Socialists before their party came to power have contrasted most sharply with their actions in office.

They give substance to an accusation that it is expediency only and not conviction that restrains the Government from implementing these well-remembered pledges, a contention which, as Mr. Churchill shrewdly observed, gained further credibility from the hasty readiness to offer sweeping concessions that marked the outset of the Egyptian negotiations.

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Wing-Commander L. J. Burgh of St. Catharines, Ontario, famed as the "Saviour of Ceylon," took part in the ceremony when the sword was received.

Wing-Commander Burgh was shot down in the Indian Ocean after warning British naval units of the approach of a Japanese invasion fleet against the island.—Reuters.

Washington, Feb. 15. Congress Un-American Activities Committee was told today that Samuel Josephson, key witness in the case of Gerhard Eisler, alleged Communist leader of American Communist activity, has fled the country.

Josephson, who refused to answer a Committee subpoena last week in connection with an alleged passport fraud, is reported to have arrived in Mexico.

The Committee contends that Josephson was a member of a far-flung Red network which kept Communist foreign agents sunburned in fraudulent papers.—United Press.

Washington, Feb. 15. The first world war inflicted on the regiment a tragedy worse

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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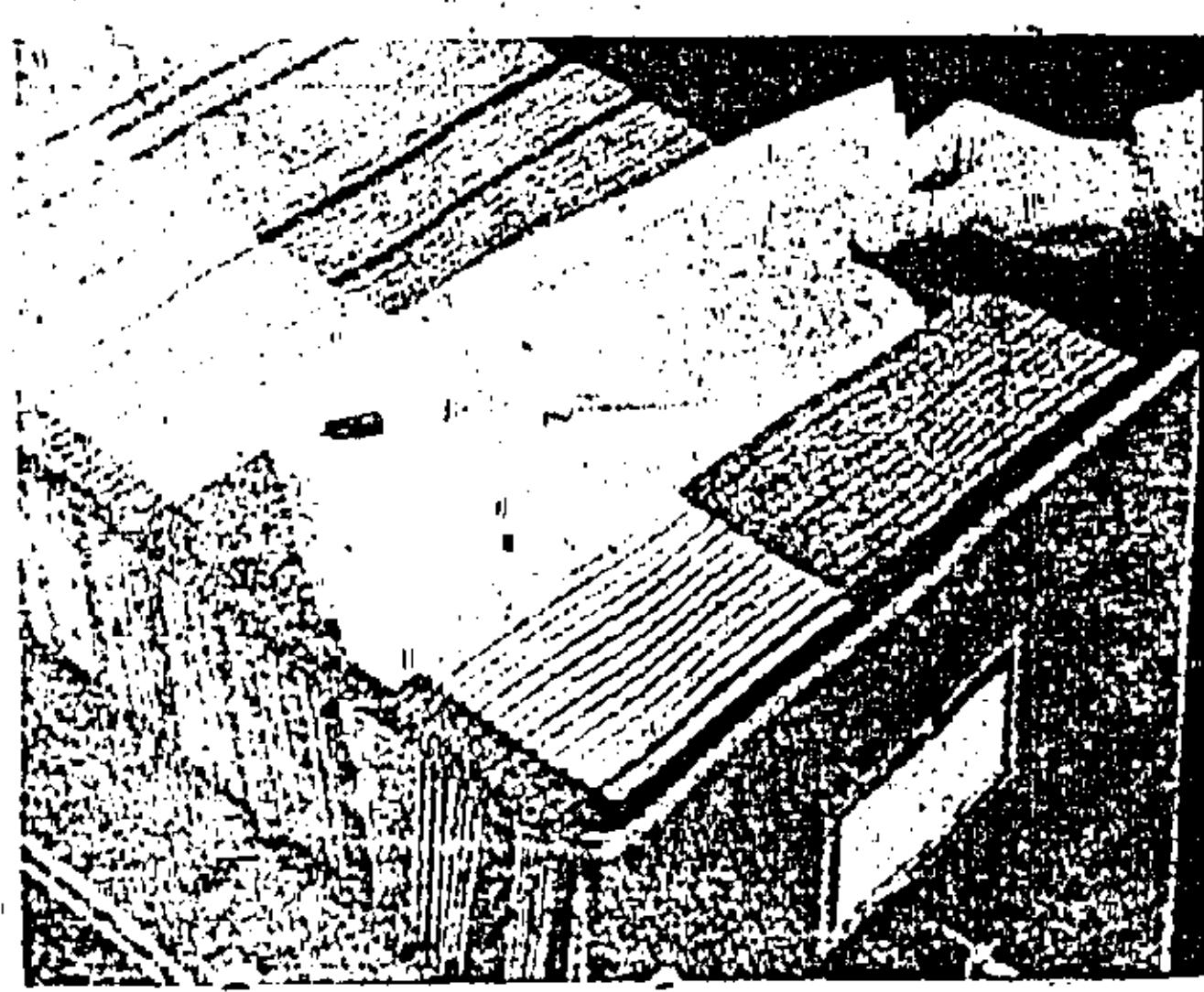
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Political Effects Of Fuel Crisis

Attack By Tories Improbable

London, Feb. 15. The prestige of the Labour Government has suffered badly as a result of the great fuel crisis and many sections of British public opinion are still disturbed by the fact that such a devastating effect upon Britain's economic recovery could burst upon the nation without warning.

The fuel crisis, now over a week old, has probably passed its peak, in as much as the main task of keeping electricity generating stations in production is concerned, and political trends resulting from it have become clear.

It is still impossible to say how long it will take to restore the position to normal but the impact of the crisis will be reflected in virtually every aspect of the Government's economic and industrial planning.

The target of exceeding present imports by 75 per cent will certainly be affected and so will the Chancellor of the Exchequer's budget plans due in April.

Politically, repercussions are widespread. The Conservative opposition and Conservative press of the country have attacked the Government, hitting on the score of what it considers as iniquitous and has sought to place the responsibility upon the Fuel and Power Minister, Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell.

Floating Vote

The effect of this attack has been to weld the Parliamentary Labour Party of 300 into a solid block of support for the Government, although many Labour members are perturbed about the situation.

Organised labour throughout the country is probably solidly behind the Government. The main damage to the Labour cause has probably been among that section of the British electorate which is the floating vote at general elections and has no strong party allegiance. Much of this section supported Labour at the general election.

But there is no question of any government collapse although if the Labour Government did have to resign, the attitude of organised labour in Britain towards the next government would be quite unpredictable.

Shinwell Supported

Mr. Shinwell may be blamed by a section of his party, but the trade union movement and labour organisation throughout the country are standing behind him, holding that he is the victim of circumstances. That being so, there can little likelihood that he will be required to resign.

Trade unions and local labour parties see him not so much as the central figure of the present crisis but in the larger context of the whole Socialist plan for industry in which, as the man responsible for improvement in miners' conditions, he is the key figure.

Opposition Split

London, Feb. 16. Britain's Labour Government is to be at least 18 months from now by the Conservative Party, which believes no crisis serious enough to overthrow its opponents.

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In view of the power cuts in Britain, the BBC Overseas Service have reduced the number of their transmissions by roughly half, and those that remain are operating at very much reduced power, resulting in considerable saving of power.—Reuter.

Another widely known Tory said: "Few people amongst the middle and upper classes realize what a complete social revolution the last election precipitated. The Labour Party has the bill of power in its teeth and there is no Tory strong enough to dislodge it."

During weekends spent in England's "black country"—the area from Birmingham to Derby—it was evident that almost without exception workers in England's industrial heart were willing to give the Labour Government a "second chance" on the theory that "the country really belongs to us now."

19th Century Technique

The rift among Conservatives is growing in the belief among younger members that Mr. Churchill is not offering effective opposition in Parliament. They ridicule his "punch pulling" attack on the Government during last Monday's fuel debate, and there is sub rosa talk of a "deal" not to let his hard as long as the Labour Party foregoes the nationalisation of iron and steel.

Young Conservatives complain that Mr. Churchill as the party leader still relies on 19th Century "in and out" politics in which, like a cricket match, each party after its turn in power concedes the other an innings.

Many of them—including Anthony Eden, according to reports—believe the only way the Conservatives can return to power is by "out-planning" the planners of Socialism by a plan which would assist private ownership in eliminating the present "economic waste."

For the past few months a number of widely known younger Conservatives have been meeting with Liberals and Independents. One such group, known as the "Augustans," has branches throughout Britain. Another is headed by Capt. Peter Thorneycroft, and two leading Liberals—Lady Juliet Rhys Williams and David Goldblatt. These two groups merged this week, with Thorneycroft, Goldblatt and Lady Rhys Williams as vice-presidents of the newly constituted Augustans.—United Press.

Moscow Gets Hot Under The Collar

London, Feb. 15. Moscow radio said tonight that Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, has presented a note to the United States Ambassador in Moscow protesting against the statement made recently in the Senate by Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson regarding the foreign policy of the Soviet Union.

The note claimed that Mr. Acheson's statement was "blatantly slanderous and hostile to the Soviet Union."

The report said the protest involved Acheson's remarks on Feb. 10 during a Senate hearing on the appointment of David Lilienthal as chairman of the United States atomic energy commission.

In reply to a question, the radio said, Acheson stated "Russia's foreign policy is aggressive and expansionist."

The Moscow broadcast continued "Minister of Foreign Affairs Molotov disputed a note to the Ambassador of the United States in Moscow, General Bedell Smith, which stated that the Soviet Government wanted to call the attention of the United States Government to the inadmissible behaviour of Mr. Acheson who—despite his official position—allowed himself to make to the Senate a declaration which was a gross slander and hostile to the Soviet Union."

They were recaptured by a single policeman who chased them and captured them one by one as they bogged down in deep snowdrifts.

The boys escaped from the Standish Farm School. The rifles they stole were 30 calibre weapons used in cadet training. The rifles were recovered after the boys abandoned them in the snow.—United Press.

The unarmed constable recaptured them and took them to the Newcastle police station pending hearing on Monday.—United Press.

Princess Dead In Air Crash

Rome, Feb. 15. Princess Amira Fazil of Egypt, mother-in-law of Prince Toussoun, was one of 16 persons killed when a four-engined plane crashed into the sea near Terracina, about 60 miles from Rome, today.

The Princess was one of five sisters of King Farouk of Egypt. The plane had taken off from an aerodrome about 16 miles from Rome.

Italian seaplanes and naval ships immediately left for the scene of the accident but found no trace of the plane after a joint search. People in Terracina said they heard an explosion at about 12.30 local time and saw a plane crash into the sea.

The last message received from the plane said it was flying at 1,500 metres between two layers of cloud.

Terracina is a railway terminus and seaside resort on the Italian west coast and was often bombed by the Royal Air Force during the war.—Reuter.

In Flames

Rome, Feb. 16. The plane was to have picked up a company of Italian opera singers in Cairo who were to return to Italy.

The Air Ministry announced at first that "at about 8.40 a.m. some fishermen of the coast of Terracina saw the airplane flying with two motors in flames and exploded as soon as it touched the coast about three miles off Terracina. Of the 12 passengers and five crew members no one was saved."—United Press.

Vanguard Nearing Capetown

(By Louis Wulf)

Aboard HMS Vanguard,

Vanguard, now on the last lap on its journey to South Africa, made its first direct contact with Capetown today when a South African Air Force Sunderland flyingboat flew out and dropped canisters containing final details of the Royal Family's tour and documents specially requested by the King.

The Royal Family are due to disembark on Monday after a welcome by General Smuts, South African Prime Minister. During the latter stages of the 17-day voyage from Portsmouth, the King has been studying drafts of speeches he will make during the tour.

Today, as Vanguard approaches the end of her voyage her decks were filled with busy sailors washing, scrubbing and painting but a high wind and a rough sea would not allow her to stop as planned to have her sides painted.

Officers who had not had the opportunity of dining with the Royal Family last night and warrant officers were entertained by the King and Queen at a cocktail party.

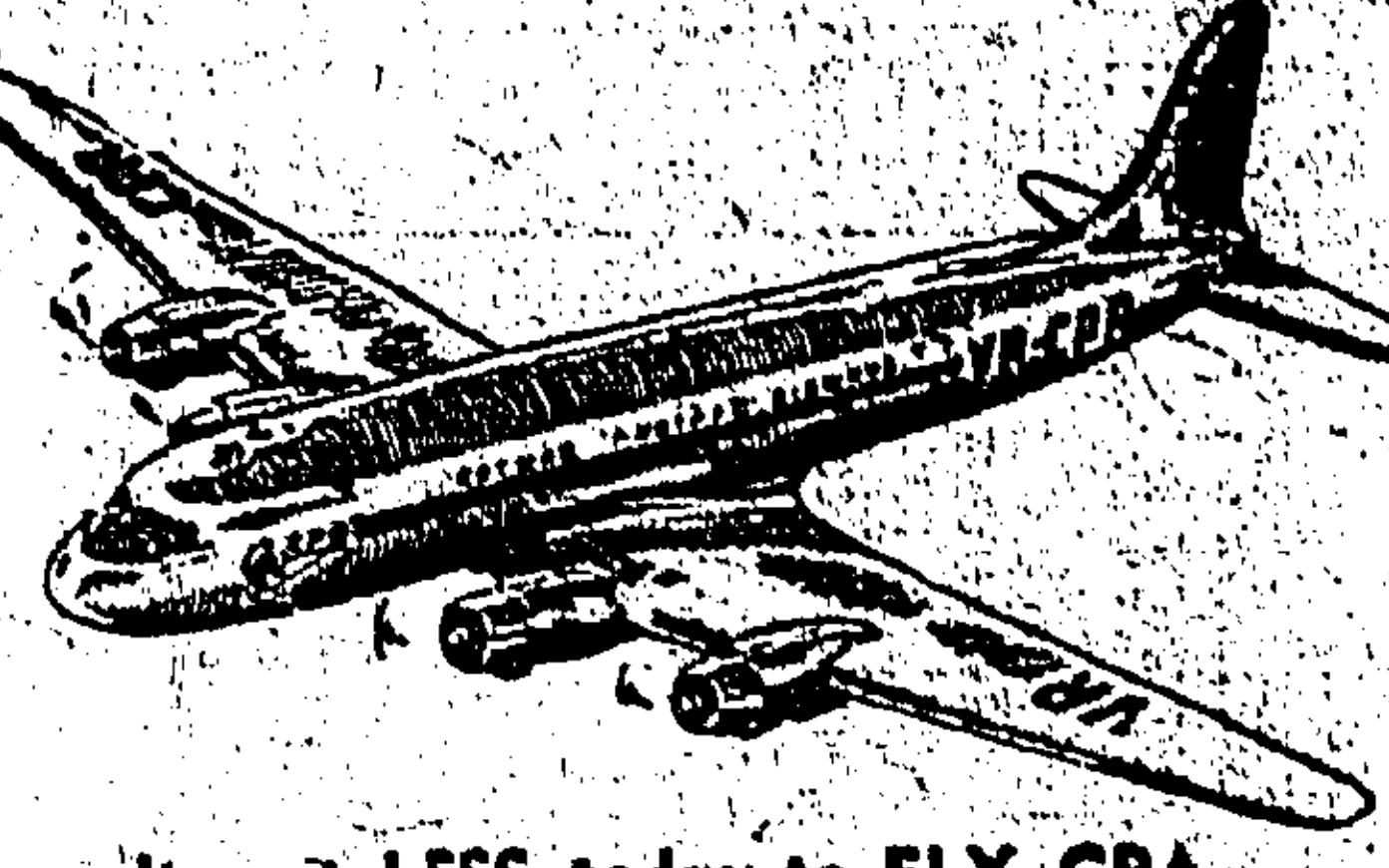
Dozens of signals have been received by Vanguard inviting her officers to dances, theatres, swimming, riding and other amusements in Capetown after the Royal landing.

Reuters' Capetown correspondent reported today that the Royal visitors will see a living "welcome" formed by 1,200 white-clad schoolchildren on the slopes of Signal Hill above Capetown.

Nine ships of five nations were due to sail today or tomorrow from Capetown while six were due to arrive tomorrow. One, the 10,000-ton Dutch liner *Oranjefontein*, will be the grandstand for her passengers and crew for the arrival of Vanguard on Monday.—Reuter.

The boys escaped from the Standish Farm School. The rifles they stole were 30 calibre weapons used in cadet training. The rifles were recovered after the boys abandoned them in the snow.—United Press.

The unarmed constable recaptured them and took them to the Newcastle police station pending hearing on Monday.—United Press.



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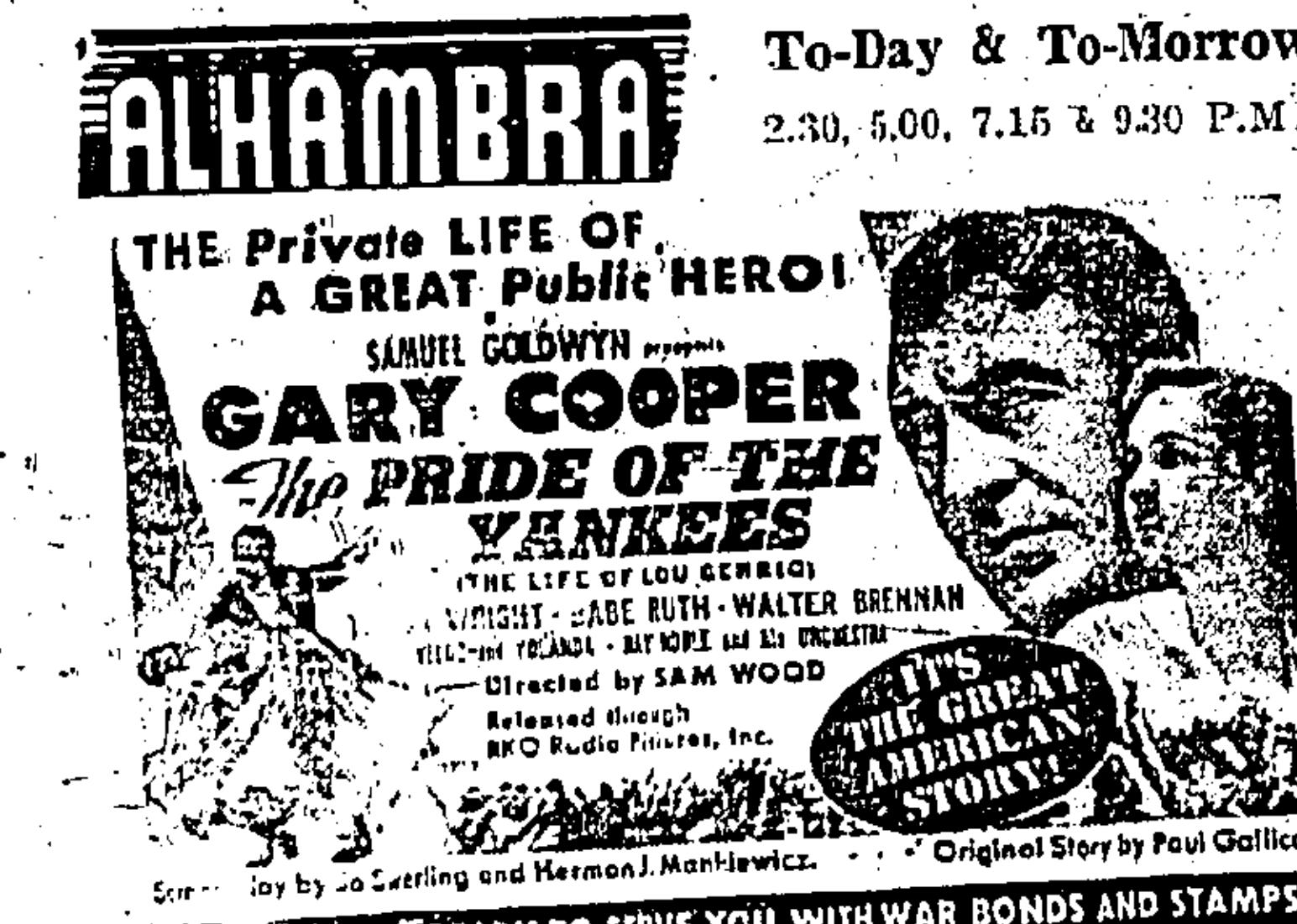
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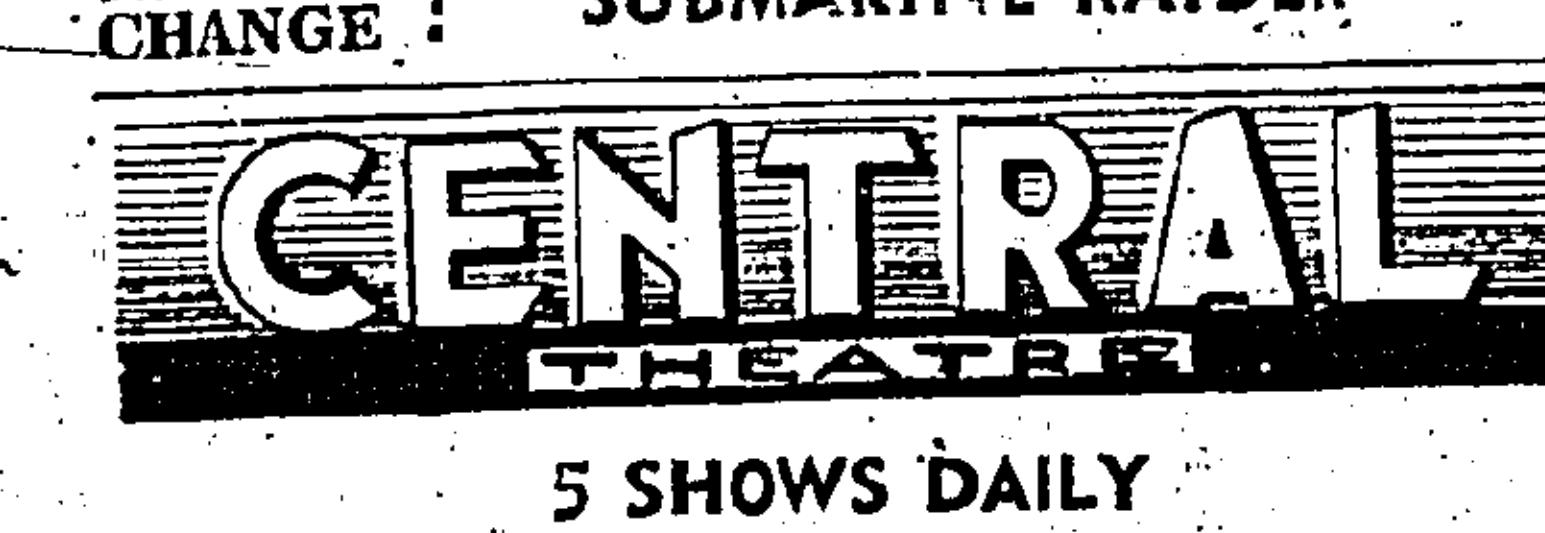
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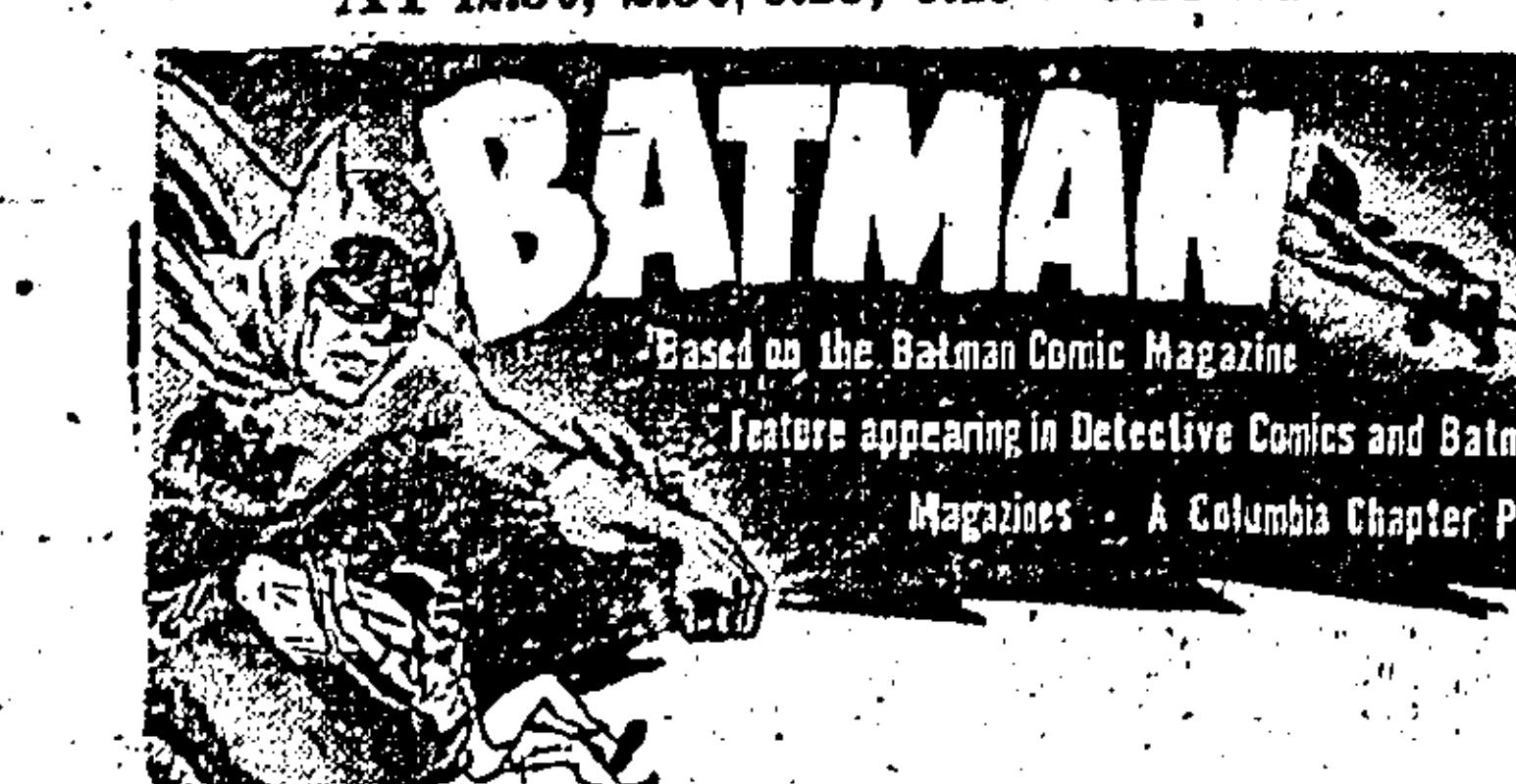
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MR. BEVIN EXPLAINS HIS FOREIGN POLICY

London, Feb. 15. Five hundred delegates of the London Labour party tonight heard Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, say that it was intended to withdraw all British troops from Greece within 90 days of March 1, the date allotted for the withdrawal of half the present garrison.

Mr. Bevin also told the meeting that Britain is endeavouring to create joint committees for discussion of economic cooperation on the model of the Anglo-French committee with a number of countries in order to create a vested interest in peace.

The conference lasted for nearly three hours and Mr. Bevin spoke on British foreign policy and replied to questions.

This was Mr. Bevin's first review of British foreign policy since his broadcast on his return from the New York Assembly meeting of the United Nations and he was facing a labour audience for the first time since the Parliamentary rebellion of last year.

Speaking on the eve of his departure for the Moscow conference, he devoted 50 minutes to a general review of the aims and achievements of his policy but did not touch on controversial questions such as Palestine, Greece, Spain or the general development of British relations with Russia, except in answer to questions.

He started by referring to the present fuel crisis as an example of the difficulties hampering British foreign policy.

His Handicap

"People expect from Britain coal, credit and goods which we cannot offer at present," he said. That he explained, was an example of the handicap under which his policy was working.

After reviewing the recent peace treaty discussion and reminding his audience that Britain was at present trying to get an improved treaty of alliance with Russia and to work out a new treaty with France, Mr. Bevin made his reference to the importance of a joint economic committee for nations, as a factor in peace.

Referring to Germany, Mr. Bevin said Britain wanted a federal Germany with strong power vested in various states and a not too strong centre. He understood that the Russians on the other hand wanted a strongly centralised Germany—"I do not know what reason but I hope to find out in Moscow."

On the general question of peace and security Mr. Bevin repeated his conviction that "I do not believe there is any country that wants to fight." The reduction of armaments was necessary but would only be possible as collective security in the framework of the United Nations became organised and as confidence grew.

Vital Routes

It was one of his objectives in Moscow to advance a policy that would help to create this confidence. In this context Mr. Bevin rejected the phrase of "an iron curtain" dividing east and west. "It is an unfortunate phrase. I have never used it. It tends to create suspicion and I believe that anything that tends to set the great Allies one against another is wrong."

Atomic Policy

A question about Britain's attitude to American policy regarding atomic secrecy drew forth a spirited defense of the American offer from Mr. Bevin.

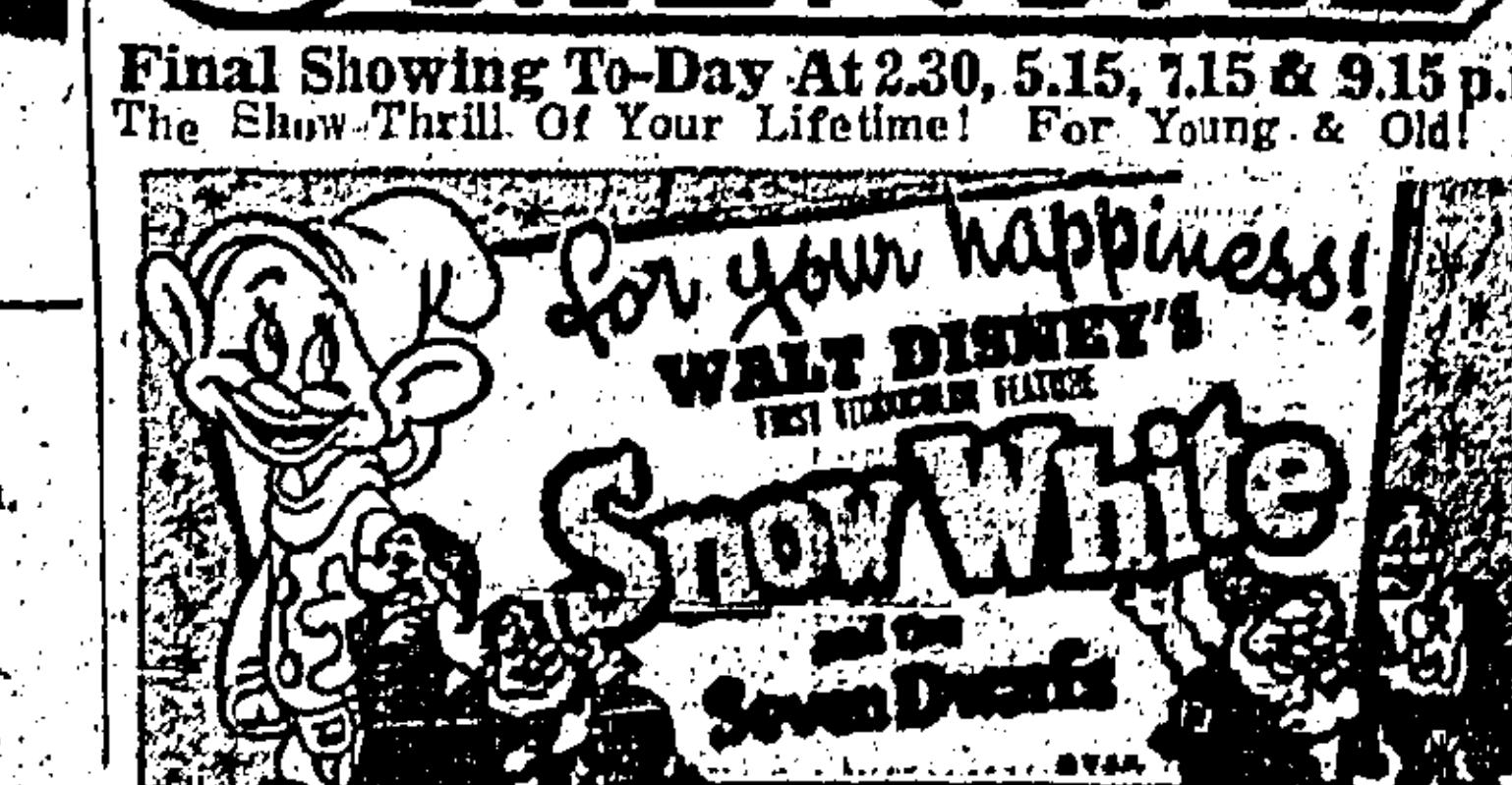
In offering to hand over atomic knowledge, against agreement, to international inspection of all atomic plant and to sanctions for all offenders, the United States had, in his opinion, made a fair offer and taken a very great risk.

To a question whether it was wise to allow Germany to starve, Mr. Bevin answered "Of course not." He had always said that Britain should not allow a slump to develop in the heart of Europe. —Reuter.

Mexico City, Feb. 15. Anxiety over future silver prices here temporarily disappeared according to silver market observers. The Mexican Stock Exchange and Government Agency "Nacional Financiera" have reported a steady demand for silver from abroad at prices reaching 71 cents per ounce. —Reuter.

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Cost Him A Double Brandy

Berlin, Feb. 16. A 200-foot Olympic bell tower cost a British Army major a double cognac today when it was blown up by Royal Engineers.

Maj. J. A. Soden, who planned the demolition, bet a fellow officer he could drop the structure with in a 100 yard semi-circle. For each large stone which went beyond the chalk line he agreed to pay a double drink. Only one small boulder rolled beyond the limit.

Three gunotton charges totalling 750 pounds of explosives toppled the damaged tower shortly after noon. The tower was considered a hazard to anyone who might be standing or walking nearby. It was damaged during the Russian invasion of Berlin.

Watchmen half a mile away saw the walls of the tower bulge, then buckle and go crashing amid billows of smoke. An 80-ton bell which was expected to be blown to bits landed in a pile of debris without any visible sign of damage. —United Press.

Paris News Strike

Paris, Feb. 16. The Government stepped into the Paris newspaper strike today with a ruling from the Ministry of Information barring any newspaper from publishing if it granted demands of mechanical workers for a 25 per cent wage increase.

The stand was taken to prevent some publishers from yielding to the workers' demands and to protect other publishers who contend they cannot afford a general wage increase.

The strike kept all 32 Paris

dales from publishing for the second day and no prospect of settlement appeared.

However the press room workers of the capital's two English papers—the European edition of the New York Herald Tribune and the continental edition of the London Daily Mail—voted to return to work in the name of "Franco-American amity" and "friendship for Britain." They will be paid at the old rate of pay pending the outcome of the strike. —Associated Press.

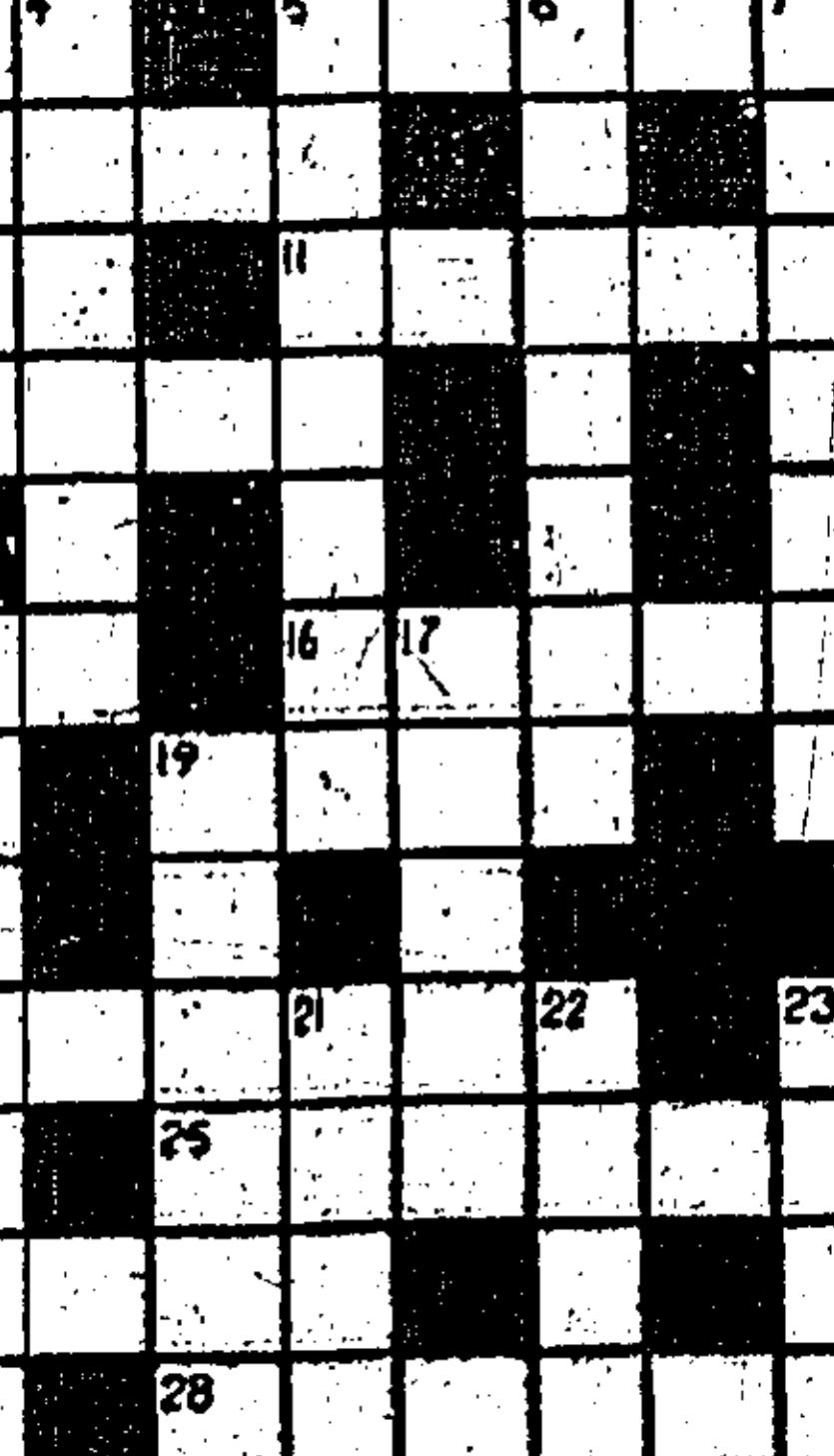
Moscow, Feb. 15. The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, faces attacks from both the Right and Left on his "pro-American" foreign policy. Eugene Varga, Soviet economist wrote today in the Communist Party newspaper "Pravda."

"The Left-wing of the Labour Party sees clearly that a joint bloc with the United States increases the reactionary tendencies of British foreign policy and endangers brotherly relations between Britain and the Soviet Union," M. Varga said.

"It is less well known that among the hard shell Conservatives too there persists strong close cooperation with the United States.

"These quarters accuse him of insufficient energy in opposing American moves aimed at disrupting Britain's economic ties with her Empire." —Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 1. Meal. 8. Idiotic. 15. Esteem.
- 2. Grass. 9. Clothed. 16. Indetermin-
- 3. Assist. 10. Penetrable by atic.
- 4. Mariner. 11. Fluid.
- 5. Assumed. 12. Blockhead.
- 6. Stay behind. 13. Highest, cra-
- 7. Harbour. 14. Box.
- 8. Turn inside. 15. Set in line.
- 9. Small fish. 16. Notwithstanding.
- 10. Fruit. 17. Box.
- 11. Separates. 18. Small.
- 12. Removed. 19. Undermines.
- 13. Business. 20. Not new.
- 14. Darned. 21. Separates.
- 15. Darned. 22. Undermines.
- 16. Lyre. 23. Not new.
- 17. Seize. 24. Separates.
- 18. Beret. 25. Undermines.
- 19. Achieve. 26. Removed.
- 20. Fast. 27. Delete.
- 21. Elderly. 28. Turn inside.
- 22. Ague. 29. Muddy.
- 23. Unde- 30. Separa-
- 24. Sardine. 31. Darned.
- 25. Unde- 32. Heron.
- 26. Undermines. 33. Darned.
- 27. Delete. 34. Darned.
- 28. Turn inside. 35. Darned.

Clues Down

- 1. Hazard. 18. Seize.
- 2. Fruit. 19. Beret.
- 3. False. 20. Fast.
- 4. Occupier. 21. Elderly.
- 5. Dog. 22. Ague.
- 6. Set in line. 23. Unde-
- 7. Networth- 24. Sardine.
- 8. Standing. 25. Undermines.
- 9. Box. 26. Removed.
- 10. Small fish. 27. Delete.
- 11. Box. 28. Turn inside.
- 12. Not new. 29. Muddy.
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- 18. Small. 35. Darned.

Saturday's Crossword

- ACROSS: 1. Spring; 4. Fright; 8. Pallor; 10. Seize; 12. Beret; 14. Achieve; 17. Fast; 19. Elderly; 20. Sardine; 22. Ague; 23. Unde-
- 24. Slop; 25. Sacred; 26. Rudder; 28. Lyre.
- DOWN: 1. Sepia; 2. Ralph; 3. Globe; 5. Ruse; 6. Guitar; 7. Effect; 9. Revenue; 11. Edict; 13. Relent; 15. Crag; 16. Indeed; 18. Slug; 20. Sacred; 21. Rudder; 23. Darned; 25. Recur; 26. Ocean.

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American Market Is Again Expanding

N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, Feb. 15.
Irregularly persisted in the stock market, but pressure was lacking and dealings were among the slowest of the year.

Gold recoveries crossed up here and there near the close although minus days were plentiful. Transfers totalled around 400,000 shares.

Among gainers were Sharon Steel, Texas Company, Caterpillar Tractor and Air Reduction. Among losers were Woolworth, Allied Chemical, Douglas Aircraft and American Woolen.

Brokers said the customers leaned towards caution rather than bearishness.

The Institute, commenting on the rise of consumer indebtedness, said some persons had borrowed to the extent of "undermining the financial well being and security of themselves and their families."

Income Payments

Supporting the consumer debt last year was the greatest total of income payments to individuals in American history—a grand total of \$165,000,000,000. The Commerce Department reports. This is an increase of \$4,000,000,000 over 1945 and more than double the income payments of 1940.

The total includes net incomes of farm and non-farm proprietors, rents received by landlords, public aid and relief payments, wages and salaries.—Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 16.
The American market for goods both imported and domestic, is again expanding through use of credit by individual consumers. Complete termination of controls is expected before the law authorising such controls expires next June 30.

Consumer indebtedness nationally now totals \$39,600,000,000; according to the Institute of Life Insurance, a statistic trade organisation. The total is only slightly below the greatest consumer debt total in history of more than \$40,000,000,000 in 1929. It is a gain of \$6,000,000,000 during 1945.

During the war, absence of goods and controls over credit caused consumer debts to fall to \$23,700,000,000 at the end of 1944. The institute, commenting on the rise of consumer indebtedness, said some persons had borrowed to the extent of "undermining the financial well being and security of themselves and their families."

London Money Market Review

London, Feb. 15.
Money, which has been in short supply of late, temporarily became easier but this state of affairs did not persist, conditions turning more difficult when banks began to feel the effect of deposit withdrawals resulting from the industrial stoppage.

Their cash reserves were also heavily drawn upon in connection with weekly revenue and Treasury deposit receipt payments. Finally the market had to secure considerable official assistance by selling lines of bills to the authorities.

The chief interest in the weekly Bank of England return was attached to the further £3,500,000 rise in active note circulation which is unusual at this time of the year. Notes in circulation are now £40,000,000 more than a year ago.

This increase is partly another reflection of the currency demand caused by business inactivity.

The largest movement was the £12,000,000 increase in Government securities due mainly to bill purchases from the money market. This did not quite offset the effect on the credit base of the outflow of notes and the total decrease of nearly £10,000,000 in other securities.

Appropriations for £170,000,000 Treasury Bills, totalled £263,640,000, of which £170,000,000 was allotted with the market receiving about 58 per cent of its requirements at the average rate of ten shillings and 2½ pence per cent.

Bombay, Feb. 15.
Silver, Ready, per 100 tolas 155 Rupees. 60 Anna. Forward 1 Mar. 7 (settlement) 147. 60; Gold, Delivery, per 100 tols 107. 50. Forward, Mar. 163. 12; Sovereigns each 48. 00. Silver, New Settlement (unofficial) 142. 12.—Reuter.

Buenos Aires, Feb. 12.
Sovereigns, buyers 55.00, sellers 56.30; U.S. Eagle, buyers 110.00, sellers 112.00; Gold, Bar, per gramme, buyers 5.30, sellers 5.35.—Reuter.

Workers Collapse From Lack Of Food

Herford, Feb. 15.
A deputation of railway workers from the Ruhr industrial district told British Military Government officers at a special conference at Dusseldorf today that unless "really energetic steps" were taken at once, the terrible conditions under which they were living would induce them to "take action which none would be able to prevent."

They claimed that railwaymen had been receiving just over half their normal daily ration of 1,500 calories.

The delegation demanded general increases of railway workers' rations to 2,000 calories a day, calling for the establishment of railway kitchens where extra food could be obtained.

"All our warnings have been ignored," one of the workers' spokesmen said. "On several days, our people have set out for work without a bite to eat. Now they are collapsing through lack of food."

A spokesman added that the railwaymen's desperate food situation was one cause of the large number of accidents.

The presiding British officer promised to pass on the workers' requests to Mr. W. Asbury, Regional Commissioner for the Province of North Rhine-Westphalia, who would make them known to Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Sholto Douglass, British Commander-in-Chief in Germany.

One point described by the conferees as "extremely sensitive" was the relative hardship imposed on the British and Indians during the war. The British pointed out that their homeland had suffered a drastic lowering of the living standard and the Indians replied that the English standard was still far above the Indians.

The British said \$400,000,000 worth of goods had been delivered to India as an initial payment on the debt and reportedly indicated that such a rate of payment could not continue.—Associated Press.

Chicago, Feb. 15.
In a wild market with prices fluctuating sharply, wheat soared nearly 10 cents a bushel.

A new 27-year high for any wheat future was scored by March contracts at \$2.38 a bushel, 2½ minutes before the close as shorts rushed to cover.

Within the next minute the March contract broke over two cents with the final price up seven-and-one-fourth cents.

The buying was based on an urgent demand for wheat by foreign governments.

Wheat closed 1½ to 7½ cents higher. The market opened 2.33½, May \$2.19½, July \$2.32½.

Corn was three-eighths to seven-eighths higher. Oats were five-eighths to one and one-eighth higher.—Associated Press.

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BLACK SATURDAY FOR SOCCER FANS

London, Feb. 15. English and Scottish League soccer's already congested programme was plunged further into entanglement by still ice-bound grounds which caused postponements in 31 out of 58 fixtures.

Barring wartime this was the blackest day ever in football. The previous worst day was on Feb. 25, 1933 when a blizzard struck England and Wales, but did not seriously interfere with Scottish matches.

Then all the London games were played together for the first time. They gave £10,000 for Jock Weir, centre-forward from Hibernian, £10,000 for Jack Dakin, outside-right from Queen of the South, and £6,000 for Frank McGarrigle, inside-left from Hull. No doubt they will take some little time to settle down together but today Blackburn were held at home by Derby.

Defying Arctic weather over 20,000 people attended the 23 matches. The biggest attendance of the day watched the varied fortunes of the Second Division team fighting for promotion. Reuter.

Tarleton Retires

London, Feb. 15. Ned Tarleton, 41-year-old British boxer, who was scheduled to fight Willie Pep here last month for the world feather-weight championship, retired Saturday vacating his title as British and Empire feather weight champion.

The match with Pep, an American, was cancelled because of Pep's injury in an airplane accident.

Middlebrough are now third, with 36, while Stoke City, Liverpool and Preston each have 34.

Whatever slender hope Aston Villa and Leicester City held of gaining League honours this season were considerably dampened by their defeats at Port Vale and Plymouth. Yet each side played for the greater part of the afternoon under severe handicap. The Villa's left-half, Lown, was taken to hospital ten minutes after the start with a gash inside his mouth following a heavy collision with his clubmate Leslie Smith. In spite of this Villa led 2-1 at the interval, but their ten men were overpowered in the second half.

Leicester's goalkeeper, Cawley, was carried off with an injured shoulder at Plymouth and Lencastor seldom looked likely to avoid losing both points.

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P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wolves	26	17	5	4	60	40
Middlesbrough	25	17	5	3	60	40
Stoke City	28	16	4	9	65	41
Preston N. E.	28	15	4	9	61	41
Manchester U.	26	12	8	10	49	32
Sheffield U.	24	11	5	6	43	32
Aston Villa	29	11	4	4	46	26
Sunderland	29	11	5	19	50	27
Gimble Town	28	10	10	10	50	26
Bolton County	29	11	3	12	63	55
Chelsea	28	9	7	12	49	24
Portsmouth	26	10	4	4	42	24
Arsenal	27	9	8	13	50	23
Bolton W.	26	8	7	11	46	22
Leeds United	27	7	4	17	37	21

Second Division

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Manchester C.	25	17	5	4	55	23
Birkenhead	27	14	10	3	49	19
Birmingham	27	17	2	8	62	26
Newcastle U.	29	16	6	7	55	24
West Brom.	27	15	7	6	67	24
Leicester C.	27	16	4	11	60	23
Wolverhampton	25	11	8	6	32	23
Nottingham	26	10	8	4	43	22
Gateshead	28	11	5	19	50	21
Gimble Town	28	10	10	10	50	20
Bolton County	29	11	3	12	63	19
Chelsea	28	9	7	12	49	18
Portsmouth	27	9	8	13	50	17
Arsenal	26	8	7	11	46	16
Bolton W.	26	8	7	11	46	16
Leeds United	27	7	4	17	37	16

Third Division South

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Cardiff City	25	10	2	13	40	23
G. H. Rangers	26	15	5	6	37	26
Grimsby City	24	9	7	6	67	25
Barnsley	27	13	2	8	60	25
Leeds United	28	11	10	7	40	24
Exeter City	26	11	7	8	47	23
Turquay U.	26	11	7	8	36	23
Reading	27	11	5	9	60	21
Swindon Town	27	11	7	9	51	20
Walsall	26	10	7	9	41	20
Gr. Palace	28	12	2	8	43	20
Brighton-Hove	28	11	5	12	48	19
Luton Town	28	11	5	12	47	19
Southampton	28	10	11	5	50	18
Coventry C.	28	9	11	5	55	18
Notts Forest	26	10	5	11	46	14
Fulham	25	10	4	11	45	14
West Ham U.	26	10	4	12	45	14
Barnsley	27	9	7	10	47	13
Bradford	26	7	9	9	40	13
Northampton T.	25	6	11	3	32	13
Notts. County	26	9	6	11	41	12
Aldershot	27	8	7	10	45	12
Bristol R.	29	6	10	10	55	12
Manfield	22	7	7	8	41	12
Orient	24	5	6	14	31	11
Norwich C.	27	6	4	19	41	10

Third Division North

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Doncaster	26	21	2	3	50	28
Boltonians	25	17	4	4	66	28
Chester	27	16	5	6	55	27
Stockport	27	17	2	8	50	26
Bradford C.	28	12	7	8	50	24
Wrexham	26	13	6	4	42	23
Royston C.	27	12	5	10	49	23
Tranmere	27	12	2	8	40	23
Brinsford	24	11	5	14	50	22
Ottoman Ath.	25	10	5	14	50	22
Bury	28	11	5	14	50	22
Bolton L.	25	10	5	14	50	22
Harleslips	28	7	2	13	43	21
Carlisle U.	25	12	2	12	56	21
Hull City	26	8	7	11	52	20
Lincoln C.	25	10	2	13	51	20
Crewe Alex.	28	8	6	14	53	19
York City	26	8	6	12	40	19
New Brighton	24	7	6	11	30	18
Accrington	27	6	3	14	31	17
Southport	24	4	2	14	34	17
Halifax T.	27	6	4	13	29	16

Fourth Division

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Walsall	25	10	5	12	45	21
Harleslips	28	7	2	13	43	21
Carlisle U.	25	12	2	12	56	21
Hull City	26	8	7	11	52	20
Lincoln C.	25	10	2	13	51	20
Crewe Alex.	28	8	6	14	53	19
York City	26	8	6	12	40	19
New Brighton	24	7	6	11	30	18
Accrington	27	6	3	14	31	17
Southport	24	4	2	14	34	17